



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

**Norfolk Southern-LL West
50 Line Street, Charleston**

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through January 10, 2018.

Voluntary Cleanup Contract 17-6514-NRP will affect approximately 0.99 acres located at 50 Line Street and further identified by Tax Map Serial Number 4590503139, and an unnumbered lot at Sheppard Street that is a Department of Transportation right of way in Charleston, South Carolina. A company known as LL West, LLC (LLW) wants to acquire the property from the current owner. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract Amendment will be between DHEC and LLW.

The property was formerly part of railway operations including rail lines, a railroad yard and a passenger station. Structures on the property also included a coal house, and ice house, truck house, and auto storage. These past uses may have resulted in environmental pollution on the property.

LLW plans to develop the property for mixed uses including commercial, multi-family residential, lodging, open space and transit. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow LLW to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activities on the property. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites.

DHEC will not hold LLW responsible for pre-existing pollution on the property in exchange for doing work under a Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, LLW will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, LLW will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. LLW did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, LLW will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through January 10, 2018. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, by e-mail at gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0929, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.